

COUNTY OF OAKLAND
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD



December 4, 2013

The Honorable Kevin Cotter
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Chairman Cotter:

When the Michigan Medical Marijuana Initiative passed in 2008, the enacted language was left void of the proper process and articulation of how to regulate this industry in our state. While our prosecutor gave us clear and appreciated guidance, law enforcement, prosecutors, and leaders of municipalities have been waiting for the state to put "meat on the bone" in terms of clear mechanisms and protocols that protect the patient and treat it with the same high standards used for pharmacy dispensed federally controlled drugs.

The new proposal that is before you is the collective work of law enforcement, prosecutors, doctors, patients, and other invested parties who sat at the table to come up with a clear and tangible piece of legislation. This new proposal finally fills in some of those voids. It is designed to keep drug traffickers out of the system while it gives reliable access for bona fide medical marijuana patients.

I appreciate and commend the hard work that was done by the various groups to finally add some substantial language to the law which will help all of us who deal with the issue on a daily basis.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me about this or any other law enforcement related issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael J. Bouchard".

Michael J. Bouchard
Oakland County Sheriff